

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 157

Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher

May 16, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 157—Relative to California FIRST Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 157, as introduced, Fletcher. California FIRST Day.

This measure would declare September 15, 2012, to be California FIRST Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and
2 Technology (FIRST) inspires youth to become science and
3 technology leaders through the development of science,
4 engineering, and technology skills; and
5 WHEREAS, FIRST mentor-based programs foster well-rounded
6 capabilities in youth, including self-confidence, communication,
7 and leadership for participants as young as six years of age; and
8 WHEREAS, FIRST values gracious professionalism that is
9 displayed through unqualified kindness and respect in the face of
10 fierce competition by encouraging high-quality work, emphasizing
11 the value of others, and promoting respect for individuals and the
12 community; and
13 WHEREAS, FIRST's more than 43,000 participants are
14 significantly more likely to pursue higher education and are more
15 likely to major in a science, technology, engineering, or
16 mathematics field; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, high school pupils participating in a
2 FIRST program may apply to receive any of 736 individual
3 scholarships worth over fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)
4 through a support network of more than 3,500 corporations,
5 institutions, and individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, For the past 20 years, FIRST alumni have become
7 the next generation of engineers and innovators in California and
8 have transformed the state's culture and economy; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares September 15,
12 2012, to be California FIRST Day; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
14 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.